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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to save sericulturists in Andhra Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh Government with the help of Central Silk Board, Bangalore has announced a minimum support price scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether prices of cocoons and raw silk have crashed in recent times;

(d) if so, whether the Government have undertaken a study to know the reasons for the same;

(e) if so, the outcome of such a study; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Due to steep fall in prices of cocoons in the country, the sericulture farmers including the farmers of Andhra Pradesh have been getting a low remuneration from the sale of cocoons. The Department of Sericulture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has formulated a scheme with an outlay of Rs. 3.00 crores (which it proposes be shared by the DOS, Andhra Pradesh and Central Silk Board in the ratio of 50:50) for procurement of 3000 MT of cocoons from mulberry farmers by providing an incentive of Rs. 10/- per kg. of cocoon purchased by the Department of Sericulture.

(c) Yes, Sir. The prices of reeling cocoons and raw silk have been declining during 2001-02 and 2002-03.

(d) to (f) A close study of the situation by Central Silk Board has established that the fall in domestic prices of cocoons and raw silk is the result of falling prices of imported raw silk. No separate study has been done .